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Arrival of the "Oregon."

SIX DAYS' LATER NEWS.

The steamship Oregon, Capt. Hudson, arrived at Esquimalt about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing six days later news from San Francisco. We are indebted to Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co's agent for full files of late papers, from which we make the following extracts. California dates are to the 15th inst:

California.
A grand and imposing mass was performed at St. Mary's Cathedral, S. F., on the 14th, for the repose of the souls of the soldiers who have fallen in Italy resisting the Saradinian invasion in defence of the Pope. A catafalco was erected in the main aisle, surrounded with burning tapers, and the Archbishop and assistant clergy, some fifteen in number, were dressed in black.

Manuel Eliveras, a Chileno, committed suicide in the San Francisco jail on the 13th inst.

The S. F. Mirror professes to have discovered a swindling organization in that city under the name of the Pacific Life Guards. Besides this, the officers keep an intelligence office, and decoy young women to their destruction.

A boy in San Francisco recently found a keg standing upon the sidewalk, and supposing it to be lager beer took a drink out of it. It proved to be a compound of arsenic and corrosive sublimate, and the drink proved fatal to the lad.

A man known as Dutch John was killed in a dance house at Long Bar, Yuba county, on the 9th by another named Everett.

David Scannell, the new Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department, took charge of the affairs on the 12th inst.

Judge Baldwin, of the Supreme Court, has resigned.

D. McMurray, a daguerrean artist, committed suicide in Petaluma on the 3d, by taking strychnine. He was a native of Scotland.

The States.

The news is interesting and exciting. The dispatches date to the 2d Dec. The secession agitation still continues, and some alarm is being felt as to the course South Carolina will pursue.

The Southern papers were filled with rumors about the President's Message. All agree that he will take strong grounds against secession as a matter of right or propriety. The rumors about a blow-up in the Cabinet prove to be all humbug. A secession meeting, irrespective of parties, was held at New Orleans on the night of the 22d November, when a Southern Rights Association was formed in Louisiana, designed to promote a concert of action among the Southern States, and to organize Minute Men and volunteer companies throughout the State. Forty-seven steamer passengers were returned from Charleston to New York by steamer Nashville on the 24th. The steamers will take no more steamer passengers. The Legislature of South Carolina met Dec. 2nd. A bill was introduced to raise four hundred thousand dollars to aid in arming the State. Tenders of aid from other States continue to pour in. The Palmetto flag was raised Dec. 2nd, at Baltimore by an association called the South V. R. The colors were greeted with groans and hisses by the crowd, and with cheers by the volunteers. The bark Isabel also raised the Palmetto flag, when the other vessels present raised the stars and stripes. Meetings have been held in Georgia and Kentucky, at which conservative resolutions were adopted.

Intelligence from Columbia, Ky., dated the 1st instant, states that fifteen negroes, and one white man, their leader, were hung by citizens at Barkersville, for attempted insurrection. No particulars have been received.

Senator Douglas was received at Washington, on the 1st, by two thousand friends. He made a speech endorsing every sentiment of Stephen's speech, in which he hoped the country would be saved. He was ready to adopt the Georgia platform in all its features. He expressed strong Union conservative sentiments.

The U. S. Congress met December 3d. Great good feeling prevailed.

Colonel Snyder, messenger from the Governor of Missouri, has returned from the borders, and reports all quiet—Montgomery committing no further outrages. The accounts were much exaggerated.

A number of vessels were blown ashore on Lake Erie, among them the propeller Dacotah, which had a double crew; all on board perished. The schooner Mary Maxwell was also driven ashore, and all hands perished but one man. The schooner Tornado was ashore, crew all lost. Some small vessels arrived safely.

The financial panic throughout the States is no worse.

A great fire took place in Warren street, New York, on the morning of the 25th, burning two five-story buildings occupied by Skinner & Co., Shepard & Sanders, O. J. White, J. H. Frothingham and Mr. Granger; loss \$500,000. Francis Roberts, a fireman, was killed.

Mrs. Titus and sister, and Mrs. Duval, were burnt at Centreport, Long Island, by an explosion of a fluid lamp.

James Black was nearly murdered by rowdies on Bleeker street, New York, Dec. 1st.

A terrible gale on Lake Erie occurred on Saturday and Sunday. Several vessels were driven on shore, but no serious calamity was yet reported—no loss of lives.

Europe.

The Prince of Wales and Prince Alfred had arrived in England.

The non-arrival of the Prince of Wales' fleet when it was first expected, caused great uneasiness. The fleet was driven back by a gale, and those on board had taken to salt provisions. The return of the Prince was made the theme of warm congratulations to the American people.

The Bishop of Worcester is dead.

The minimum rates of discount by the Bank of England is raised six per cent. The Bank of France has also raised its rates.

Ministerial changes in France were rumored.

It was reported that a conspiracy against the King of Naples had been discovered at Gaeta. Two officers and two men were shot. The garrison at Gaeta consisted of eighteen battalions; but a dispatch announces that two vessels, carrying French colors, had left Gaeta with troops, supposed to be for Civita Vecchia.

Italian affairs were unchanged. France and England recommended that the King of Naples should abandon the contest. The Empress of France was in London.

Breadstuffs had a declining tendency.

Gen. Guyon considered his position in Gaeta untenable.

Garibaldi, in a farewell proclamation, tells his companions that an army of a million of men would be wanted to follow him to a fresh conflict on the break out in Italy by March next.

The Holidays.

Now that the Holidays are approaching, and Christmas and New Year's are near at hand, it is doubtless the intention of everybody and his wife to observe the same in a becoming manner. There are good things as presents for the young and old to be bought, and we know no better way to assist our readers in their purchases, than by referring them to our advertising columns.

GIFT BOOKS.

Messrs. Hibben & Carswell, of Stationer's H. H., received per Santa Cruz, a large and elegant assortment of gift books. As it is always well to combine knowledge with amusement, our readers cannot do better than purchase a few of the choice works for their friends, in order that the mind as well as the body may be improved during this festive season.

CLOTHING AND FURNISHING GOODS.

Many parents and employers, wishing to present their offspring, or employees, with neat and becoming garments, as a token of their affection or esteem, will doubtless embrace this opportunity of doing so. To all such we would refer to Myer's & Co's well-known dry goods and clothing store, at the corner of Langley and Yates streets; N. Moore & Co's palace, nearly opposite, on Yates street; A. Gilmore, merchant tailor, Yates street, near Government; J. A. Brunn, Yates street, nearly opposite Wells, Fargo & Co's office; L. Wolf, Yates street, adjoining the Clipper warehouse; and N. Pointer, BRITISH COLONIST Building, Government street, near View. The man or boy that cannot be suited at one or all of these establishments, must be had to please.

SEWERY.

Those who prefer watches and jewelry as souvenirs, we would request to call and examine the stocks of E. Marks, Yates street; L. A. Blanc, Government street; and Antoine Fossorier, Government street, near Johnson. All of whose stocks are full and well calculated to lighten the purses of the generous and open-hearted.

POULTRY.

For chickens, geese, and turkeys, fat, young, and tender, we can refer housekeepers to the following depots, where, to our certain knowledge, such delicacies, rare in other markets, can certainly be obtained. J. W. Tripp & Co., corner of Government and Johnson street; Colonial Market, Johnson street; J. Van Houten, Government street, opposite the Colonist's office; Thos. Harris, Wharf street.

TOYS AND AMUSEMENTS.

P. M. Backus, auctioneer, Yates street, has a full assortment of German toys, from jumping-jack to a costly doll, or a bass drum. He has also a fine assortment of furniture. Pierce & Seymour, of Broad street, have some fine suites of furniture, that would be ornaments to any parlor.

WINE AND LIQUORS.

Those of our readers of a convivial turn of mind, we would advise to call, for fine wines and liquors, upon W. H. Oliver, Johnson street, near Wharf; Ryckman & Marks, Wharf street, foot of Yates; J. D. Carroll, Yates street, between Waddington alley and Wharf; J. J. Southgate & Co., Wharf street; Janion & Green; and Dickson, Campbell & Co.

SPICES, ETC.
For citron, raisins, and spices of all kinds, we refer to any of the wholesale stores; and to W. B. Smith, Government street; and B. Derham, grocer and baker, 22 Johnson street. Mr. Derham has, in addition to his stock of groceries, fresh eggs, and a great variety of cakes for the holidays.

QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE OFFICE OF LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.—The rights, privileges and powers of the Lord Mayor have so often raised a jealousy among the humbler citizens, that a plan was determined on, and carried out, which eventually restricted the office to the man of the public choice. By this restriction no one can occupy the civic throne till he has been three times elected—viz, as Alderman by his "householders" of his ward, as Sheriff by the "liverymen" of the city companies, and then, being eligible for the office of Lord Mayor, he has to be nominated by the "Livery," elected by the "Aldermen," and approved of by the "Crown." Bankruptcy, insolvency, or such like, disqualifies him at once. He must also be a member of one of the "twelve great City Companies" to qualify him as President of the "Irish Society." Upon this latter qualification I will add a note extracted from Herbert's "History of the Twelve Great Livery Companies of London" (vol. i., p. 316), which tells us that "On the 2nd October, 1661, Sir John Frederick, being elected Mayor, and not being a member of one of the twelve companies, is said, in the grocers' journals, to have moved the Court, through Sir Thomas Allyn, to be received into their society upon his translation from the Barber-Chirurgeons, whereof he is a member, and from which, by the rules and customs of the City, he must remove into one of the twelve great companies, and that his lordship had expressed his friendly affection to this accordingly, and Herbert, in a foot-note, says, "So imperative was it that the Lord Mayor should be a member of one of the twelve companies, that Aldermen who were of minor companies were to change from these companies when they came to be Lord Mayor or before, and such great company as they made choice of could be obliged to admit them. Nor were any allowed to move from a lower to a higher company, even of the twelve, without leave. Thus we find an Alderman not permitted, of his own will, to translate from the Ironmongers to the Grocers." By the above qualifications the office of Lord Mayor is secured from debasement, and the rights and privileges which are enjoyed through it are open to the humblest citizens of London.—City Press.

LYING WILLS.—Hazlitt mentions a habitual liar, who, consistent to the last, employed the few remaining days he had to live, after being condemned by his doctors, in making a will, by which he bequeathed large estates in different parts of England, money in the funds, rich jewels, rings and all kinds of valuables, to his old friends and acquaintances, who, not knowing how far the force of nature could go, were not for some time convinced that all this fairy wealth will never have an existence anywhere but in the idle coinage of his brain whose whims and projects were no more. A wealthy nobleman hit upon a still more culpable device for securing posthumous ignominy. He gave one lady of rank a legacy, "by way of compensation for the injury he feared he had done her fair fame," a large sum to the daughter of another, a married woman, "from a strong conviction that he was the father;" and so on, through half a dozen more items of the sort, each levelled at the reputation of some one from whom he had suffered a repulse; the whole being nullified (without being erased) by a codicil. A widow, occupying a large house in a fashionable quarter of London, sent for a wealthy solicitor to make her will, by which she disposed of between fifty and sixty thousand pounds. He proposed soon after, was accepted, and found himself the happy husband of a penniless adventuress.

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Ladies' O. S. White Norway Gauntlets, for Riding;

Gents' Mock Gauntlets;

Gents' Ringwood Gauntlets, lined;

Gents' Ringwood Gloves;

Gents' Stout Aberdeen Gloves, lined;

Gents' Buck Gloves, scarlet lined;

Gents' Wash. Norway Buck Gloves;

Gents' Cloth Mixed Costa Gloves;

Gents' Twill'd Fringe Gloves;

Gents' Patent Mode Gloves.

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For Winter wear. Those who are afflicted with the Rheumatism should call and examine those pure

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600 cases Brandy, pale and brown;
200 cases Claret;
150 cases Rum, 1 dozen in each case;
150 cases Holland Gin, 1 do do;
150 cases Port and Sherry, 1 doz in each case;
100 cases Port and Sherry, 1 do do;
200 cases and casks Pale Ale, in fine order.

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BRANDY—Pale and Brown, in octaves and quarters. **WHISKY**—Fine Old Bourbon, in barrels and kegs. **RUUM**—In quarters. **PORT AND SHERRY**—In octaves and quarters. And for sale by
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WHITE LEAD, RED LEAD, PAINTS,
Colors, Oils, and Boiled Oils; for sale by
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GOLD WATCHES.—A few very superior English Gold Watches, just received, and for sale by
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REGALIA BRITANICA FIGARO;
Do do Riquena Cubana;
Do do Maria Luna;
Do do El Deleite;
Do do Flor de Lopez y Torre;
Do do La Urania;
Do do S. Jago Parde.
For sale at
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200 BBL. NEW FRASER RIVER
SALMON, in fine order, for sale by
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From Victoria and New Westminster to Ports on Columbia River, and vice versa.

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THE BRITISH COLONIST

TO ADVERTISERS.

All advertisements, unless the time for which they are to be inserted is specified, will be continued until ordered out, and so charged.

Saturday Morning, Dec. 22, 1860.

Road Machinery.

We would like very much to know the reason why the Commissioners under the "Road Act, 1850," which has just been passed, are not authorized to expend all appropriations for the improvements of the roads in the colony? It appears very strange indeed that they should only be authorized to expend the statute labor. In one section of the act, the district Commissioners are given sole control over the roads in their district. In case money were appropriated to improve the roads in such districts, who would expend it? If they refused on the ground that the act does not authorize them to expend it, they could also refuse to allow the Executive, as the control of the roads are given to the Commissioners. The only way opposition to Executive dicta could be overcome would be the appointment of more Commissioners, a la William IV. stuffing the House of Lords. If the Esquimaux Road Commissioners, for instance, were authorized to expend all moneys appropriated for Esquimaux road, as well as supervise the distribution of the statute labor, we very probably would find those gentlemen knocking at the door of the Treasury for the missing \$1800. If they did not find it, they would know the reason why. There is also another sum not expended on the Craigflower and Metehosin road. This also would be a subject of investigation for the Commissioners, and perhaps for the newly elected member. In the estimates there is a sum of £2000 named for roads. Who is to expend it? In the Harbor bill is another road appropriation. Now, we ask are all these sums to be farmed out as the Surveyor General may think proper? It looks, in fact, as though the appropriations were to be used as magnets to attract satellites to the central luminary.

To such a system we enter our protest. If we are to have Road Commissioners, let them have full and complete control over all the funds and labor; not trust them with the statute labor, and deny them the right to control the appropriations.

Arrival of the Otter.

ENCOURAGING MINING NEWS.

The steamer Otter arrived from New Westminster last evening. She brought fifty passengers, and about \$50,000 in gold dust—of which Ballou's Express reports \$16,000.

Among the passengers is our old correspondent, James H. Batterton, Esq., the well-known Cariboo Expressman, who gives a cheering account of matters in that far northern region.

Mr. B. confirms the report previously made of rich discoveries near Swamp river. The diggings are back from the river, on several small streams. The party who struck the new mines are named John Rose, Geo. Weaver and Ben. McDonnell. McDonnell is the man who turned the first spade of dirt on Quesnelle river in 1859. In one place, the party found \$100 lying on the bed-rock, in full view.

The trails from Lytton City and Cayoosh to Quesnelle continue in good order; rather dusty, but no snow has fallen.

Mr. Batterton left Williams' Lake on the 20th of November. The thermometer was then 15° below zero, and the air full of frost. Mr. Nind, the Gold Commissioner, has made his headquarters at Williams' Lake.

About 150 men will winter in the upper country. There is a good supply of provisions on hand in the stores, for the number of men left there.

Kaitley and Diller's strike on the banks of Quesnelle, bids fair to rival any claim yet struck in that section. Out of 1800 buckets of dirt, they had succeeded in obtaining \$2300, and the diggings are lasting. A large number of claims have been staked out on the same flat. Mr. Batterton had some of the dirt assayed at New Westminster, and it yielded \$17 3/4 to the ounce.

Messrs. Sanders & McKenzie, in charge of Fort Alexander, have been out on the route leading to the coast and report that so far as they went the country was level and a fine road might be made without grading. There was plenty of fine farming land both sides of the route.

On the lower river, miners were still working. There had been no frost to interfere with their operations as yet.

Dunbar's Express arrived at Hope on the 14th inst., in fourteen days from Rock Creek.

The new bridge over the South Fork of the Quesnelle is completed. It is said to be a most complete affair, and far ahead, in point of finish and strength, of any enterprise of the kind in British Columbia.

Supreme Court—In Chancery.

Friday, Dec. 21st, 1860.

Before Chief Justice Cameron.—Sporborg et al. vs. Craner, et al. The Attorney-General and Mr. Drake appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Ring and Mr. Dennes for defendant.

This was a motion to discharge Jones from the writ of *ne exeat rigno* on the ground that he is not indebted to the plaintiff, as alleged in the affidavits and the bill of complaint, and that no equitable debt is disclosed therein, and that the supposed debt is not sworn to be endangered.

Mr. Ring was heard at great length in support of the motion, and the Attorney-General in opposition.

The Chief Justice reserved his decision until Monday next.

The "ALMA."—We have been shown a private letter, dated "Lima, Peru, Oct. 29th, 1860," which says: "The Alma, Capt. Ferguson, from London to Vancouver Island, has put into Callao, short of water." The letter further states that having replenished her tanks, she had left again for this port.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Horse Found.

CAME TO THE STABLES OF THE undersigned, a small BAY HORSE, with black tail and mane; had on a saddle and bridle; the owner, by proving property and paying charges, can have the animal.

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Yale Town Lots.

TWO VALUABLE FRONT LOTS

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AUCTION.

THIS DAY,

SATURDAY, December 22, 1860,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.

AT SALESROOM, WHARF STREET.

25 boxes Zante Currants, in 25 lb boxes, 10 lbs Barber's Hams, 10 lbs Pork, 4 cases Patterson & Knapp's Bacon, 50 lbs Knapp Bros. Candles, 20 lbs Knapp Candles, 1 lb papers, 10 lbs Segars, And a variety of goods, being balances of invoices which must be closed.

TERMS: All sums over two hundred dollars, 30 days' credit approved paper; all sums under two hundred dollars, cash.

On MONDAY, Dec. 24th, 1860,

Special and Peremptory Sale

Of Christmas Goods,

At the store lately occupied by Messrs. Sporborg & Co., Wharf street,

AN ENTIRE INVOICE OF JEWELRY,

Consisting of—

CORAL, CAMEO AND RUBY SETTS

Pin and Ear Rings, Finger Rings and Ear Rings of all varieties, Armlets, Bracelets, Necklaces, Crosses, Breast Pins, Studs, Buttons, etc., etc., etc.

GOLD WATCHES AND CHAINS, Sets Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons, And a great variety of other articles.

On same Day and Place,

Will be sold previous to the Jewelry.

THE FURNITURE

Of a Lady leaving the Colony, consisting of—

Bedroom Furniture, Parlor Furniture and Kitchen Furniture.

N. B.—Particular attention is called to the sale of Jewelry as the invoice must be closed regardless of price; the goods are all new and just arrived on the steamer Oregon, from San Francisco.

On FRIDAY, Dec. 28th, 1860,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.

AT SALES ROOM WHARF STREET.

I WILL SELL

The Wreck of the Schooner MORNING STAR, as she now lies about one mile this side of Cedar Hill.

Together with 2 Anchors and 2 Chains each 30 x 45 Fathoms.

TERMS CASH.

J. A. McCREA, Auctioneer.

d22 td

A Merry Christmas!

'BOOMERANG INN.'

Rear of Langley Bros' Store,

YATES STREET.

B. P. GRIFFIN HAS GREAT PLEA-

sure in informing his friends and the public of Victoria that he has laid in a stock of WINES and LIQUORS, of every brand, for the ensuing Holiday season, which cannot be surpassed, and will be enabled to supply families by the gallon or bottle, at the most reasonable rates.

B. P. G. invites all persons requiring articles in his line to favor him with a call, feeling assured that it will lead to a continuance of their favors.

P. S.—Note the Address. d22 1m

Holidays! Holidays!

COLONIAL MARKET,

JOHNSON STREET.

Turkeys, Fowls, Ducks,

GAME, FAT BEEF, PORK,

PIGS (Roasters), Fresh Pork, Sausages, Fat Lambs,

Fish of all kinds; in fact anything in the

Good Cheer way of eating to

be found in the great-

est variety and

excellence.

Those fond of good living would do well to call

and see the display at the

First Great Colonial Market.

(OPPOSITION.) d22 3t

Take Notice!

I AM PREPARED TO SUPPLY THE

numerous calls for Gentlemen's

WHITE NECK TIES,

FOR THE GRAND BALL.

On the 27th December; also, a full assortment of

WHITE KID GLOVES

AND

DRESS SHIRTS.

I shall continue to keep a large supply of WHITE

NECK TIES always on hand, which I shall offer

CHEAP FOR CASH.

Also, an assortment of

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Mr. JOHN COPLAND,

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CHERRY—A few cases very superior Whittshire

in 8-lb tins, for sale by

JANION & GREEN.

d28

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION.

On MONDAY, Dec. 31st, 1860,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

AT SALESROOM, WHARF STREET,

The Last Sale this Year.

Positive and Peremptory Sale

ON A LIBERAL CREDIT

All of this year and part of next.

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES,

LIQUORS, GROCERIES and YANKEE NOTIONS

Blankets,

PERFUMERY,

The goods will be sold without reserve, consisting

in part as follows:

BOOTS! BOOTS!!

3 cases English grained leather Boots,

10 cases American Kip Boots, nailed and sewed,

10 cases Haywood's India Rubber Knee Boots,

Shirts and Drawers:

15 doz Scarlet Flannel Shirts,

1 doz Gents' fine Saxony Flannel Undershirts,

1 doz Gents' fine Merino Undershirts and Draw-

ers,

1 doz Gents' fine Flannel Undershirts and Draw-

ers,

FLANNELS:

—bales scarlet, white and yellow Flannels,

INDIA RUBBER COATS:

Water proof Drednought Coats,

Water proof Coats lined with Alpaca and other

linings,

Gentlemen's light water proof business Coats,

UMBRELLAS:

—cases extra quality cotton Umbrellas,

BLANKETS:

Bales heavy grey Blankets,

Bales heavy blue do

Bales heavy green do

Bales heavy scarlet do

Wool Plaids:

—cases heavy Wool Plaids, new styles,

BAIZES:

—pieces blue, scarlet and green Baizes:

CLOTHS:

—pieces fine black Doeskin (ladies' cloths),

—pieces fine blue Doeskin do

—pieces heavy blue Cloth,

—ALSO—

50 doz cotton Handkerchiefs,

50 doz Suspenders,

1 case gilt Jewelry,

1 case Jewelry for Indian Traders,

—ALSO—

49 tins Fancy Biscuits,

—ALSO—

Wines and Liquors,

—cases Bottling Ale,

—cases Bottled Porter,

—cases Brandy, various qualities,

—cases Bottled Sherry Wine, very fine,

—cases Bottled Old Port Wine,

—cases Bottled Claret Wine,

20 cases Jeffrey's Gin Ale,

—cases Old Tom Jug.

—ALSO—

20 bbls Corned Beef,

TERMS: 30 days' approved paper. J. A. McCREA, Auctioneer.

d22 td

Hams and Butter

BY AUCTION,

POSTPONED SALE.

P. M. BACKUS, Auctioneer,

WILL SELL

THIS DAY, Saturday, Dec. 22,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,

ON KAINDLER'S WHARF,

30 barrels Billings' Hams, and 10 firkins of Goshen

Butter, to the highest bidder.

SALE PEREMPTORY.

d22 1t

ROYAL THEATRE,

WHARF STREET.

ON SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 22, 1860.

CHARLES II.

To be followed by

Comic Song—W. E. Burton.

Double Dance—Wm. and Susan Robinson.

Rattlesnake Jig—Master Gus.

To conclude with the vaudeville

LOAN OF A LOVER.

ADMISSION—Parquette, \$1; Gallery, 50 cents.

d22 1t

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

VICTORIA, V. I.

A TEA MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN

MOORE'S MUSICAL HALL,

On WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 2d, 1861,

at eight o'clock precisely.

TICKETS may be had at Messrs. Hibben & Car-

well's, Donaldson & Co.'s, the Assay Office, and

Seabury's Drug Store, Government street. d21 1t

Liquors, Liquors, Liquors.

JUST RECEIVED

Ex Scranton, Vickery and Glencoe.

10 1-1 CASES JAS. HENNESSY'S

BRANDY, Pale and Dark,

3 puns Jamaica Rum,

10 1-1 cases Port Wine,

75 bbls Champagne, choicest brands.

10 bbls choice Old Bourbon Whisky. This Whis-

ky is received direct from the distillery in Paris

County, Sent of Bourbon, Kentucky, and can be

depended upon as being a pure article, and is well

worthy the attention of connoisseurs in that article.

20 cases Vio Vermouth,

20 doz Absynthe, Pernod,

10 cases Claret Wine,

100 cases Claret, various brands,

100 cases Bitters, various brands now in use,

100 cases California Wine, various vintages.

All of the above liquors have been selected with

great care for first class trade, and will be sold low

By W. H. OLIVER,

Johnson street, opposite Wharf street, Victoria.

d20 1m2p

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION SALE

—OF—

REAL ESTATE.

THE PROPERTY OF

The Hudson's Bay Company

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE NEW THEATRE.—Amid all the improvements that are taking place around us, it is pleasing to notice the strides we are making towards the establishment of a Temple of Thespis, worthy of the name, in our city. The interior of the old storehouse, in the Fort yard, near the corner of View and Government streets, is assuming a gay appearance under the almost magic touch of the hammer and saw, combined with a little lumber, paint and canvass. In a few days, a stranger to the place would imagine, from the great change that will be wrought within, that it was never intended for anything else but a theatre; and was well laid out for that particular purpose. The outside, to be sure, presents a scaly look, but that is at once forgotten after one sets his foot side, and takes a look at the work that has been done and is going on. The entrance to the parquette is through a wide doorway, with the ticket office to the left as one enters. To the right of the lobby, a small room has been partitioned off, which is intended as a fruit and cigar store, with an entrance from the main lobby. The building is 100 feet long by 40 wide; the parquette occupies the entire width and 60 feet of its length. It will seat 400 people. The stage is 30 feet deep by 40 wide, and will have some eight flats (or scenes) painted by the best scenic artist here. Two or three of these scenes are already completed, and to a person standing a short distance from the stage, look remarkably well. Above the parquette is the gallery. It is commodious, and capable of accommodating 200 persons. The gallery is gained by means of a small door to the left of the main entrance, and by means a wide staircase. The whole building including the proscenium and proscenium arch, is lined with canvass, which, in addition, will receive a covering of heavy paper, that will contribute materially towards improving the internal appearance. Immediately under the gallery, and to the rear of the parquette, it is the intention of Mr. Robinson, the manager and lessee, to fit up a place for the accommodation of the colored population, if desired. The seats of the parquette will be cushioned, and no pains will be spared to make the building as comfortable as any in San Francisco. The building will be opened for the first time in about ten days, with the Robinson theatrical troupe as the chief attraction; and as it is undoubtedly to the interest of our citizens that a permanent institution of the kind should be established here, we hope to see the enterprise well supported.

Auction Sales.

P. M. Backus will sell by auction this morning, at 11 o'clock, on Kaulder's Wharf, ten firkins of butter and ten barrels of hams.

J. A. McCrea will sell by auction this morning, at 11 o'clock, an excellent assortment of currants, hams, and several groceries. Also, on Monday next, invoices of jewelry and watches. Also, the furniture of a lady leaving the colony, consisting of bedroom, parlor, and kitchen furniture.

"A STITCH IN TIME," etc.—Some time ago, five rogues stole a valuable canoe at New Westminster and brought her to this city. Yesterday afternoon the owner came to town, and identifying his property, proceeded to the chief of police for a warrant. There were no printed forms on hand, however, and while the clerk was writing the instrument out (an operation that consumed some time), the thieves left the harbor with their prize, and are by this time safe on the American side.

PRACTICAL.—Detachments of the chain-gang are kept at work in the streets, clearing up the filth. They effect but little good, however, as the authorities have no carts in which to carry the mud off; and the best they can do is to scrape it in heaps, and leave it lying at the sides of the streets. The next rain, of course, will drive it back to its old resting-place, if it be not removed.

DRUNK.—An unfortunate man, charged with having been drunk the night before, was the only case before the police magistrate yesterday morning. He was discharged and went off, promising to keep sober in future.

THE FAKIR OF AYA.—This far-famed ventriloquist and magician, came passenger yesterday, on the Oregon. We understand that it is the Fakir's intention to give a few of his interesting and amusing entertainments in this city in a day or two.

CONTEMPLATED "HOR."—The Deluge Engine Company contemplate giving a ball some evening during the ensuing month, at which it is expected the fair sex will muster in great force.

ACCOUNTANT.—Attention is called to the advertisement of James G. Poston, accountant, copyist, etc., in another column.

The steamer Pacific was advertised to leave San Francisco on the same day as the Oregon—the 15th inst.

UP FOR THIS PORT.—The bark Architect was up for this port at San Francisco on the 15th inst.

According to the jailor's report there were 28 prisoners in jail yesterday morning.

A TRIBUTE OF FRIENDSHIP AND ESTEEM. Mr. John Kurtz, late a resident of Fort Yale, British Columbia, was yesterday presented with an elegant gold watch, on behalf of the citizens of that flourishing town, as a tribute of their esteem for his many good qualities. The watch is a chronometer, and is a neat and costly present. Upon the back is the inscription: "Presented to John Kurtz, Esq., by the citizens of Fort Yale, as a token of friendship and esteem; Fort Yale, December 1st, 1860." Mr. Kurtz first went to Yale in 1853, and has ever since been one of its most enterprising merchants and public spirited citizens. He has also contributed largely to the columns of the Colonist, over the signature of "Jonah," and is a witty and ready writer. Tomorrow's steamer will bear him from our midst, and we sincerely wish him a speedy return. We have plenty of room in our country for many more men of the same stamp; and we can ill afford to lose a citizen so universally respected and esteemed. He has our warmest wishes of success in every undertaking in which he may engage. The watch is at present in the keeping of E. Marks, jeweler, Yates street.

ARRIVAL OF A VENTRILOQUIST.—J. G. Kenyon, a well known ventriloquist and magician, arrived yesterday on the Oregon, from San Francisco. We see by notices in the San Francisco press, that he is considered one of the best magicians and ventriloquists that has ever visited the coast. It is his intention to appear here shortly.

THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL EXAMINATION, held yesterday, was very creditable both to pupils and teachers; owing to the steamer's arrival, we have no room in to-day's issue for a report of it, but will, in our next issue, give it the attention it deserves.

THE PETER TROUPE.—This theatrical company departed yesterday morning for New Westminster, for the purpose of filling a short engagement at that place. Their stay, we are glad to say, will not be long.

The examination of the Indian school takes place to-day.

The Hudson Bay Company and the Tax on Each Partner.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—I beg to correct "Esperance's" [Hope's] statement in yesterday's Colonist, in regard to the Hudson Bay Company "paying but a single licence for each trading post." On the contrary, the post at Yale was charged for ten partners, one pound each; making a quarterly licence of fifty dollars; which amount was paid by the factor at that place, the merchants of Yale following the example. Poor fellows! they were all sold; for by return of mail came an order to refund forty-five dollars to the Hudson Bay Company, but not a word in regard to the victims who bled freely for each partner.

ONE FOUND.

P. S. In this connection, I must exculpate the resident magistrate. He simply followed instructions received, and further declared his intention of referring to the blue book for a full list of partners and tax them all. But his mandates against that Company's post at Yale are impotent—vide the many orders he has issued for the removal of their building (Fort) from the street; and still it stands a defiant obstruction to the town and equality of taxation.

The New Westminster Election.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 20, 1860.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—The poll is just closed and Mr. Ramage is declared duly elected as municipal Councillor of New Westminster, in place of Mr. Homer, resigned. Mr. Ramage was elected by a large majority over his opponent, Mr. Holt. There was considerable excitement here, and flaming posters issued by the defeated party, warning the public "to beware of selfish grasping cliques," and the public took the warning given them, and gave that clique a signal defeat. Mr. Holt, as a private member of society, we respect, but when he so far forgets himself, as to come out under the auspices of a justly unpopular party, we are glad to see him defeated.

Mr. Ramage is a straightforward, independent man, and all his actions have been thorough and above board, and we feel assured that public confidence has not been misplaced.

Yours, STEADFAST.

THE MAIN DRAINAGE.—RETURN OF SALMON TO THE THAMES.—Many years since, before the introduction of steam navigation and the sewerage was allowed to pollute our noble metropolitan river, it was the resort of splendid specimens of that piscatorial delicacy, the salmon. Latterly, however, neither angling or netting could produce a single fish of that description; but the partial purifying which has been progressing for the past year, together with the diversion of the main drainage, and the absorption of the smoke of the steamboats, appears likely to reproduce the abundance of salmon in our noble stream. During the past year one of the fish, but of moderate size, was caught off Erith. But some time after, one of the very large size was captured near the same spot, which was forwarded to Mr. Charles, of Pimlico, purveyor to Her Majesty, where it attracted much public attention; and it is generally believed that when the main drainage is fully carried out, and other general improvements effected, the Thames and its tributaries will again abound with those shoals of salmon for which, in the days of Isaac Walton, and long subsequently, they were so celebrated.—*London Dispatch.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Biliousness, Dyspepsia. There is no organ in the human body so liable to derangement as the liver. Food, fatigue, climate and anxiety, all disorder its action, and render its secretion, the bile more or less depraved, superabundant or scanty. The first symptoms should receive attention. A pain in the side or the top of the shoulder, a harsh cough or difficulty of breathing are signs of the liver disease, which are removed without delay by friction with Holloway's inestimable Ointment. The pills should also be taken early. For all diseases of this vital organ the action of these conjoined remedies is a specific by checking the over supply of bile, regulating its secretion, and giving nervous tone.

BIRTH.

In this city, Dec. 21st, the wife of Capt. Wm. Jeffrey, of a daughter.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

ARRIVED.

Dec 21—Str Oregon, Hudson, San Francisco via Portland

CLEARED.

Dec 21—Str Oregon, Hudson, Port Townsend

Schr Marion, Arden, Sooke

IMPORTS.

Per Steamship OREGON, from Astoria—S Price & Co, 800 qrs flour; Gault, David & Co, 60 bxs fruit, 3 hfr bbls hard, 4 pkgs butter; Edgar & Aime, 19 bxs fruit; G. Sutor & Co, 462 qrs flour; —Stiles, 90 bxs oats, 2 horses; J. J. Southgate, 25 bxs apples, 1 bbl butter; J. H. Seller, 8 hfr bbls eggs, 5 bbls butter; Montbroy, 52 sheep; W. H. Hudson, 26 cattle; To order, 13 pkgs butter and eggs; Total value, \$3,233.

Per Steamship OREGON, from San Francisco—R Cohen, 2 cs clothing, 17 cs fruit and nuts; J. A. McCrea, 17 cs toys and cabinets; M. Muir, 1 pkg saws; F. Lewis, 26 pkgs fruits and nuts; N. Moore & Co, 3 cs fancy goods; M. Prag, 20 pkgs hardware; W. Johnson, 2 pkgs shoemaker's tools and leather; J. J. Southgate, 5 pkgs hand-picks, 3 pkgs captain bars; To order, 12 pkgs hardware, 1 bale blankets, 1 pkg sewing machines, 1 pkg hardware, 3 cs cigars, 3 cs wine, 2 cs hock, \$20,000 specie; Total value, \$24,669 88.

PASSENGERS.

Per Steamship OREGON, from San Francisco and Portland—Mr H. McNeill, Miss J. Tolmie, Rev M. Knife, John Melmes, Miss J. McRoberts, A. Fellows, Miss Brown, N. Moore, Frank Moritz, A. M. Phillips, F. A. V. O'Connor, M. Plummer, W. Northup, H. H. Key, J. L. Styles, F. Kenyon, John Kenyon, John Sloan, G. O. Sheppard, Deacon Sheldon, W. McCreary, Mrs McCreary, J. H. Seller, R. Roberts, L. Stiles.

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Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods
GOVERNMENT STREET,
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Is now prepared to offer the largest assortment of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods ever exhibited in Victoria, consisting of Messrs. Davis & Jones' Patent Shirts, (of New York), and L. Atkinson's Improved Shoulder Seam Patent Shirts, (of Philadelphia)

Just received, the latest styles of

BALTIC SHIRTS,
from London. Also, a fine lot of pure Baltic Stockings and Hosiery, Gents' Shaker Flannel Undershirts and Drawers. Also, a fine lot of Derby and Saxony

Wool Shirts and Drawers,
White and Colored Marseilles Shirts, a full assortment Gents' Superior Manchester Gingham Shirts, a magnificent assortment of

GENTS SILK SCARFS,
a new style of Gents' Fine Cassimere Comforters and Opera Scarfs, the latest styles of Davis & Jones' celebrated superline patent

White and Colored Shirts,
and is also receiving by every Steamer those beautiful

BYRON SHIRTS,
of all sizes, varying from 13 to 20 inches around the neck. Ladies should call and examine those

Baltic Stockings,
for winter wear. Orders sent through Express for Shirts, by sending the size of the neck, I will guarantee to fit. Orders filled for all parts of

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I shall receive fresh Goods by every arrival from London, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Kid Gloves, ex Grecian. A fine lot of

GENTLEMEN'S GLOVES,
for the Fall and Winter trade.

—ALSO—
a fine lot of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, high finish. The Gloves consist of some 75 dozen pairs, of various kinds. The Gents' Blue Over-shirts, weighing two and a half pounds, with double backs. We study to please. Business hours, from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M.

French Benevolent Society.
FIRST SEMESTRAL REPORT.

CASH RECEIVED:

Subscriptions of members.....	\$558 00
Donations from members and others.....	218 70
Board, &c., from paying patients.....	49 00
Total Cash received.....	\$824 70
Expenses for six months.....	567 03
Balance on hand.....	257 67
Number of members admitted.....	114
Number of patients admitted.....	4
Number of days, aggregate.....	73
do do average.....	18
Patients remaining.....	1
Number of deaths.....	1

J. B. TIMMERMAN,
Secretary, pro tem.

JACOB VAN HORN'S
CENTURY WHISKY.
Put up in extra Barrels and Half Barrels.

JACOB VAN HORN'S
FOREST LAWN WHISKY
In handsome Glass Jugs, one dozen in a case.

MY TWO ABOVE BRANDS OF CHOICEST
Old Rye Whisky stand unrivalled for purity and high flavor, and will be found far superior to any heretofore shipped to California.
Having now an Agency in San Francisco, my pure Whiskies will be for sale by Dealers throughout California.
I warrant none shipped under Four Years old.
JACOB VAN HORN,
New York.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The First Annual Masonic Ball

...OF...

Victoria Lodge No. 1085
OF A. F. and A. M.

UNDER THE
United Grand Lodge of England.

Will be given

On St. JOHN'S DAY,
THURSDAY, Dec. 27th, 1860.

AT THE
COURT HOUSE, JAMES' BAY,
(By permission of His Excellency the Governor.)

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

J. J. SOUTHGATE,
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All Master Masons wishing to appear in Regalia will please notify the Committee on Credentials, viz: J. J. Southgate, Geo. Pearke, A. DeCosmos and R. Lewis.

Tickets may be had at \$10 each on application to the following Committee: J. J. Southgate, R. Burnaby, Thos. Harris, M. Spurborg, L. Franklin.

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A FINE COLLECTION OF
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YATES STREET,
VICTORIA, V. I.

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25 HALF BASKETS DELBECK & BERGH'S Champagne, pony bottles, a choice article,
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A DESIRABLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AT ESQUIMALT
CONTAINING SIX COMMODIOUS ROOMS, Kitchen and Office. Situated in the occupation of the late Augustus Bull, Esq., R. N.; commands a fine view of the Harbor and Strait; good water; land 60 feet by 120 feet; to be had with or without plan but good and entirely new Furniture. The buildings are substantial, and erected by the architect, Mr T. W. Green, within the last twelve months. For terms and further particulars, apply to HENRY P. FELLEW CREASE, Victoria, and L. LOWENBERG, Government street, Victoria. del 20

TO LET,
A NEAT DWELLING-HOUSE, WITH
OUTHOUSES AND STABLE.
Apply to
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ABLE terms, a new two-story House and Lot, situated on the south side of James' Bay, near the residence of William A. Young, Esq. The House contains six rooms, thoroughly finished inside and outside. For further particulars, apply to HENRY P. FELLEW CREASE, Land Agent.
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A LOT TO RENT, 60x132, near Scott's Wharf, New Westminster. Good business location.
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NOTICES.

DOGS POISONED.

REWARD!

WHEREAS, CERTAIN PERSONS
have maliciously laid poison in the streets and alleys of this town, whereby many valuable dogs have been recently killed, the sum of money of \$100 will be paid to any person giving such information as will lead to the discovery and conviction of the offender or offenders:

Chas. E. Barrett Lennard.....\$100 00
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Benjamin W. Pearce.....15 00
H. P. Fellew Crease.....10 00
D. Babinston Rine.....10 00
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Apply to
H. P. P. CREASE,
Law Chambers, Government street.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

ALL RETURNS UNDER THE "TRA-
DES' LICENCE ACT 1859," for the Half-year, commencing on the FIRST of JANUARY, 1861, must be delivered at this office on or before that date.

G. T. GORDON,
Treasurer.

TREASURY, Vancouver Island,
December 19th, 1860.

P. S.—Blank forms of return may be obtained at Messrs. Hibben & Carswell's, Mr. Herre's, and at the Treasury, James' Bay.

Vancouver Island Colony.

THE SUM OF £2000 IS REQUIRED
by the Government, on the security of the "Victoria Street Loan," to pay off a like amount, which falls due on the 20th of February.

Parties willing to advance £1,000, or any portion thereof, are invited to send tenders to this Office, stating the lowest rate of interest they will be willing to accept for a term of three months from the twentieth of February, 1861.

By order,
G. T. GORDON, Treasurer.

WANTED.
THE ADVERTISER IS DESIROUS OF
obtaining an engagement as CLERK, either in a Law Office or Counting House, in both of which he has had considerable experience. Satisfactory references can be given of this paper.

Address A. B., office of this paper. del 1m

DISSOLUTION.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP HERETO-
fore existing between M. SPORBOURG and H. LAUER, under the style of WRIGHT, SCOTT & NELSON, is this day dissolved—J. H. Scott retiring from the firm.

The business in future will be conducted by the undersigned under the name of WRIGHT & NELSON, who will also assume all the debts and credits of the former concern.

G. R. WRIGHT,
U. NELSON.
Port Douglas, December 1st, 1860. del 1m

Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP HERETO-
fore existing between M. SPORBOURG and H. LAUER, under the Firm of SPORBOURG & CO., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

M. SPORBOURG,
H. LAUER
Victoria, Dec. 7, 1860. del 1m

NOTICE.

ALL PARTIES HAVING CLAIMS
against the Firm of MARTIN BRO., Wharf street, are requested to present the same for payment on or before the 25th inst.; and all parties indebted to the Firm will please call and settle, as we shall leave for California on the 1st January, 1861.

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